GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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PAYMENT OF TELEPHONE BILLS
PATY RIPPLE KYNDIAH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the M.T.N.L., Delhihas tied up with some private banks with ATM facility for making payments of the telephone bills for their customers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering to include more private banks with ATM facilities, to render such services for their customers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which such facilities would be made available to the customers of those private banks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has been permitted to collect the telephone bills through ATM with effect from 25.6.2002.

(c) to (e): Sir, other private banks having ATM facility can be considered for the purpose if requests are received from them in the matter. At present, there is only one request received from the Bank of Punjab, which is under consideration.